

I oppose the petition by the Baby Bells to close off access to "their" high-speed networks. The effect will be to kill the little competition that exists in the market for Internet access, which will not only end up costing the consumer (me) more, but also will very likely make the Internet less accessible and more difficult for everyone to use. It will also reduce the incentive for people like me to maintain their skills in network problem solving, website operation and maintenance, and other related areas, since the only way to exercise those would be to work for a phone company.